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USAFE SUPPORT AT [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. Support supplied by USAFE to [REDACTED] during March, April, May and part of June 1964 consisted of personnel, equipment and services. The personnel group

25X1A was one officer, [REDACTED] enlisted men. The equipment was of the type necessary to support a flying operation at a remote site, fire truck, generators, fuel truck, mobile radio navigation aid, mess hall gear and some recreational equipment. Services provided was the operation and maintenance of the equipment and house keeping functions such as operating a scheduled movie, a BX facility, managing the BOQ and operating the mess hall.

2. The support outlined above was subject to some criticism.

a. The equipment was drawn from stored USAFE assets and airlifted to the operating location. The complaints in this area were focused on the fuel truck, the fire truck, and the 100 KVA generator and the kitchen van. The fuel truck filters were almost unserviceable and some of the seals were deteriorated to the point that severe leakage occurred. The tractor was satisfactory. The O-11 fire truck had some components which had not been maintained and the truck needed a general tune up and inspection. The 100 KVA generator was shipped with a bad starter system and consequently, was never used. It appeared to be serviceable otherwise. The kitchen van was shipped with some components missing. The cooking utensils and field repair kits for the stoves were missing. Utensils were locally purchased, but the best quality available was minimum satisfactory for use on the field stoves. Stove repair was accomplished by cannabilization. These complaints could have been prevented by an inspection of the equipment before shipment.

25X1A b. The mobile [REDACTED] provided by the 2nd Mobile Communications Squadron, USAFE was in good condition and operated satisfactorily. At one time it was the only usable ground navigation aid available within 150 miles.

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c. The personnel support provided was excellent. [] many times was

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25X1A faced with problems with which he had no experience. He utilized every means available to get the utmost out of the limited and faulty equipment he had to work with. His [] supported him and the effort to the best of their ability. They all worked at what ever was needed to get the job done. The firemen operated and maintained the movie projector. The [] operator managed the BX facility, the diesel mechanic kept the kitchen refrigerators and all other motorized equipment going. The two mess supervisors had very limited local help so they did the cooking, kept the stoves in working order, served the food and maintained the best possible degree of kitchen sanitation.

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d. The food provided was also subject to many complaints. The distance from supply point to user dictated the type of food available. This can be improved only by getting food from a nearer supply point.

25X1A 3. The following recommendation is offered to alleviate some difficulties in supporting operations []

a. In spite of the assigned area of support responsibility it appears that support would be more economical and far better if future [] detachments at

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25X1A [] were supplied and supported from PACAF assets. The distance involved with
25X1A USAFE support creates monumental logistics problems which require expensive and undersireable solutions.

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